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ILLINOIS FISHING INFORMATION



**Illinois
Department of
Conservation**
life and land together

ILLINOIS has more than 1½ million acres of water. Two-thirds of this acreage is in the Illinois portion of Lake Michigan. The remainder is scattered throughout the state in several major impoundments, and in lakes, farm ponds, river courses and backwaters.

THERE are 190 species of fish in Illinois aquatic ecosystems. In order to preserve these ecosystems, provide for the continuity of fish species in waters of the state and manage these waters for the maximum enjoyment of the majority of fishermen, certain regulations on the harvest of fish are necessary.

MUCH FISHING in Illinois is done on private waters, with consent of the property owner. One way to preserve the American tradition of good sportsmanship is to maintain a cooperative relationship with the person who is your host most of the time on private shoreline or waters.

CONSIDERATION for others is a basic philosophy of the sport fisherman. Your conduct can influence not only your own enjoyment of outdoor resources but also the enjoyment of other fishermen on both public and private waters. Ask the property owner for permission to fish, close all gates you have to open, be careful in crossing fences, operating, navigating and docking boats, put out all fires and leave your fishing area clean and uncluttered.

AND . . . treat state and federal waters, lands and property as you would like others to treat your own property — after all, you own it!



DAILY CATCH & SIZE LIMITS*

FISH	
Muskie/Tiger Muskie	1 (singly or collectively, minimum length 30 inches)
Black Bass (largemouth, smallmouth, spotted)	6 (singly or collectively)
Northern Pike	3 (minimum length 24 inches; except in Mississippi River where there is no size limit)
Salmon and Trout (in Lake Michigan)	5 (singly or collectively, not more than 3 of which may be Lake Trout; minimum length 10 inches)
Salmon and Trout (outside Lake Michigan)	5 (singly or collectively)
Walleye and Sauger	6 (singly or collectively)
FROGS	
Bullfrog (season June 15 - August 31 inclusive)	8 (daily or in possession)

* These are state-wide regulations; specific areas may have regulations which differ. Please check special regulations which are posted at each lake where applicable.

DIGEST OF FISHING REGULATIONS

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDERS

The fisheries of Illinois are administered to assure conservation and enhancement of the fishery resource and the equity of the fishing public, while providing for maximum enjoyment of the sport. Statutes provide the framework by which fishing opportunities are administered. These opportunities, however, are sometimes subject to a variety of regulations, depending on local site conditions and situations peculiar to a particular fishery. These detailed regulations are set forth in administrative orders. Such orders are enforced in the same manner as are provisions of the statutes, and are subject to the same penalties.

BAIT FISHING

There are device regulations for bait fishing, i.e., gizzard shad, etc. Casting nets should not be larger than 8 feet in diameter with mesh not larger than 3/8 inch; shad scoops should not be larger than 30 inches in diameter, with mesh not larger than 1/2 inch or longer than 4 feet. A sport fishing license permits use of these devices. (See also Minnows.)

BASS

There are no statewide size or seasonal restrictions on black bass in Illinois; however, certain state-managed lakes may have more restrictive regulations to assure protection of the fishery, hence the fisherman is advised to consult administrative orders posted at these lakes.

COMMERCIAL FISH

Size limits on fish taken commercially, or by commercial fishermen for market, are: channel catfish, flathead catfish, blue catfish, and white catfish, 15 inches. There is no size limit on carp, drum, bullhead, buffalo, shovelnose, sturgeon, paddlefish, sucker, gar (except alligator gar), bowfin, eel, yellow perch, chub, mooneye, goldeye, carpsuckers, and smelt. Trout, salmon and whitefish may not be taken commercially, but if caught incidentally should be returned to waters where taken.

COMMERCIAL FISHING LICENSE

A commercial fishing license is required of any person who uses a commercial device to take fish, minnows, frogs, or mussels. A resident commercial fishing license can be issued only to persons who have resided in Illinois for at least a year. The commercial fishing license expires March 31 annually. In addition, the holder of this license must obtain a license for each commercial device fished.



CRAYFISH

Crayfish may be taken for bait, using seine with mesh no larger than 1/2 inch. The seine should be no longer than 20 feet or deeper than 6 feet.

DIP NET

A basic net device commonly used in commercial fishing, which must not be more than 15 feet square or in diameter and have mesh no smaller than 1 1/2 inches, except in Lake Michigan, where the mesh size should not be less than 1 inch. Only carp, buffaloes, carpsuckers and gizzard shad may be taken with a dip net on a sport fishing license. However, in Lake Michigan only, blackfins, chubs, herring, long jaws, yellow perch and smelt may be taken with a dip net.

FISH PRESERVES

All waters under state jurisdiction are statutorily fish preserves, open only to sport fishing. However, certain waters are open to commercial fishing by administrative order. These include: Lake Michigan, Mississippi River, Illinois River, Wabash River, Little Wabash River, Skillet Fork, and portions of the Embarrass River, Sangamon River, Kaskaskia River, Big Muddy River and Cache River.

FROGS

A sport fishing license is required to take bullfrogs during the open season, and the possession limit is 8. Firearms, airguns, gas guns or commercial fishing devices such as hoop nets, traps or seines are not allowed in the taking of bullfrogs.

ICE FISHING

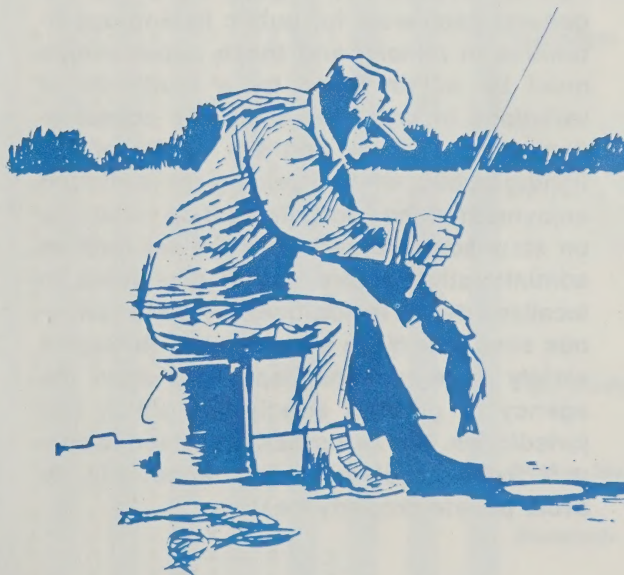
A sport fishing license is required for ice fishing; the ice angler may use not more than two poles or tipups with no more than two hooks on each line. Holes cut in the ice are limited to 12-inch diameter or less. Shelter structures are limited to portable construction of metal or wood framework, covered with canvas, paper, plastic material or similar fabric. Each shelter should have name and address of the owner attached, and after March 1 the shelter must be removed when not in use, and not left unattended at any time. All poles and tipups should be constantly attended, and kept under observation by the angler.

ILLEGAL DEVICES

Use of the following devices in the taking of fish is prohibited: electricity or electrical devices, lime, acid, medical, chemical or mechanical compound, dope, drugs, fishberry, dynamite, nitroglycerine or other explosive, snare, treated grain, firearms, air gun, gas gun, wire basket, wire seine, wire net, wire trotline or limb lines of any kind. Carp, buffalo, suckers, gar and bowfin may be taken by pitchfork, underwater spear gun, bow and arrow or other archery device, spear or gig, but no other fish may be taken by these means.

MINNOWS

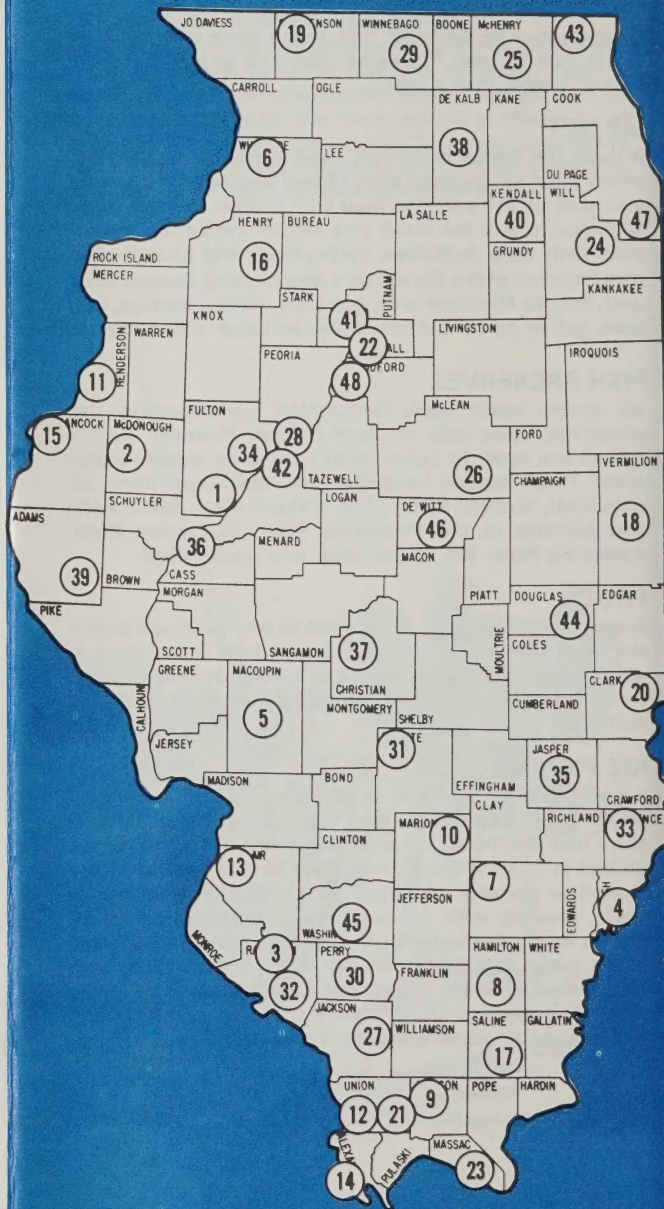
A sport fishing license permits holder to seine for minnows, provided they are not sold as bait. A minnow is statutorily defined as any fish with but a single dorsal fin. Seining of minnows is permitted on a sport fishing license, but the seine must not be longer than 20 feet, deeper than 6 feet or contain mesh larger than 1/2 inch. Minnow traps must be 24 inches or less in width or diameter, 36 inches or less in length, and have mesh not larger than 1/2 inch. Minnow dip nets should not be more than 48 inches in width or diameter. (See also Bait Fishing).



PLACES TO FISH IN ILLINOIS

Illinois has a variety of fishing waters, including about 80,000 ponds, lakes and impoundments and nearly 13,000 miles of inland streams and rivers. The great majority of fishing waters are privately owned, and the angler should gain permission from the landowner before fishing thereon. Some 44 fishing waters are under direct management of the Department of Conservation's Division of Fisheries, either through outright state ownership or lease agreement. These areas are open to public fishing, but regulations may differ from statewide regulations and ground rules may vary from site to site.

Special Regulations: statutes provide the general framework for public fishing opportunities in Illinois, and these opportunities must be administered by a multitude of variations in order to assure the conservation of the fishery and the equity of the fishing public, while providing for maximum enjoyment of the sport. Regulation variations on state-administered sites are set forth in administrative orders, which give rules in localized detail. In addition, there are numerous sites which are administered through a variety of regulations depending upon the agency or political subdivision which has jurisdiction. The fisherman is advised to consult these regulations and, especially, to avoid private property trespass.



	Acres	Boat Fishing	Boat Rental	Launching Ramps	Motors (*-10 hp)	Camp/Picnic	Special Regs	LM Bass	SM Bass	Bluegill	Crappie	Sunfish	Catfish	Bullhead	Carp	Y. Perch	White Bass	Drum	N. Pike	Walleye	OTHER
1. Anderson Lake, Fulton	1364	X	X	X	*	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	
2. Argyle Lake, McDonough	95	X	X	X	*	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						X	
3. Baldwin Lake, Randolph	2018	X			*	P	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X			
4. Beall Woods, Wabash	14	X		X		P	X	X	X	X		X	X								
5. Beaver Dam, Macoupin	57	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X								
6. Carlton Lake, Whiteside	77	X	X	X	*	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X								
7. Dale Lake, Wayne	194	X	X	X	*	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X					
8. Dolan Lake, Hamilton	71	X	X	X	*	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X								
9. Ferne Clyffe, Johnson	16					X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X								
10. Forbes Lake, Marion	525	X	X	X	*	P	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X				
11. Gladstone Lake, Henderson	27	X		X		X	X	X		X	X	X	X								
12. Grassy Lake, Union	310	X			*	C	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X					
13. Holten Lakes, St. Clair	208	X	X	X	*	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						Sucker
14. Horseshoe Lake, Alexander	1890	X	X	X	*	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X					X	
15. Horton Lake, Hancock	13	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X								
16. Johnson Sauk, Henry	58	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X							
17. Jones Lake, Saline	105	X	X	X	*	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X								
18. Kickapoo Lakes, Vermilion	184	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X					Sucker
19. Lake Le-Aqua-Na, Stephenson	43	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X					X		Rock Bass
20. Lincoln Trail, Clark	146	X	X	X	*	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X								
21. Lyster Lake, Union	260	X				X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
22. Marshall County, Marshall	2557	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
23. Mermet Lake, Massac	452	X		X	*	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
24. Milliken Lake, Will	22					P	X	X		X			X	X							
25. Moraine Hills, McHenry																					
Defiance	48	X	X			P	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X			X		Warmouth
Tomahawk	9					P	X	X		X	X	X	X	X					X		
Warrior	20					P	X	X		X	X	X	X	X					X		
Wilderness	18					P	X	X		X	X	X	X	X					X		
26. Moraine View, McLean	150	X	X	X	*	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X								
27. Murphysboro, Jackson	144	X	X	X	*	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X							
28. Pekin Lake, Tazewell	548	X			*	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			X			Sucker
29. Pierce Lake, Winnebago	162	X	X	X	*	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X					X		Sucker
30. Pyramid Lakes, Perry	135	X	X	X	*	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X								
31. Ramsey Lake, Fayette	47	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X							
32. Randolph County Lake, Randolph	65	X	X	X	*	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X							
33. Red Hills, Lawrence	40	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X							
34. Rice Lake, Fulton	1383	X	X	X	*	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X		X	
35. Sam Parr, Jasper	180	X	X	X	*	P	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X							
36. Sanganois, Cass	1550	X	X	X	*	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X		X	
37. Sangchris, Christian	2165	X	X	X	*	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X		X	
38. Shabbona, DeKalb	319	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X							Tiger Muskie
39. Siloam Springs, Adams	58	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X								
40. Silver Springs, Kendall	16					P	X	X	X	X		X	X								
41. Sparland, Marshall	1300	X		X	X	P	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
42. Spring Lake, Tazewell	1285	X	X	X	*	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X		Sucker, Muskie
43. Turner Lake, Lake	34	X				X	X	X	X	X		X	X			X			X		
44. Walnut Point, Douglas	59		X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X							
45. Washington County Lake, Washington	295	X	X	X	*	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						X	Warmouth
46. Weldon Springs, DeWitt	29	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X					
47. Wolf Lake, Cook	419	X	X	X		P	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			X		
48. Woodford County Cons. Area, Woodford	2790	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X				



The below areas are noted because of their regional or statewide significance. Local regulations, including trespass, should be consulted when fishing these waters.

	Acres	Boat Fishing	Boat Rental	Launching Ramps	Water Skiing	Motors (* -10 hp)	Swimming	Camp/Picnic	Special Regs	LM Bass	SM Bass	Bluegill	Crapie	Sunfish	Catfish	Bullhead	Carp	Y. Perch	White Bass	Drum	N. Pike	Walleye	Yellow Bass	Other
49. Carlyle, Clinton, Fayette & Bond (U.S. Corps of Engineers, fishery managed by Ill. Div. of Fisheries)	24,580	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X		X	X	Sauger
50. Chain O'Lakes, Lake & McHenry (At least 10 major natural lakes in Fox River watershed)	6,465	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X		Sucker
51. Crab Orchard, Williamson (Bureau of Sport Fisheries & Wildlife manages the fishery)	7,000	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	Striped Bass
52. Devil's Kitchen, Williamson (Bureau of Sport Fisheries & Wildlife manages the fishery)	810	X	X	X		*	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X								Sucker
53. Lake Kinkaid, Jackson (Kinkaid-Reeds Creek Conservancy District)	2,750	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X				X			Striped Bass
54. Little Grassy, Williamson (Bureau of Sports Fisheries & Wildlife manages the fishery)	1,000	X	X	X		*	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X							
55. Rend Lake, Franklin & Jefferson (U.S. Corps of Engineers; fishery managed by Ill. Div. of Fisheries)	18,900	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X			X	
56. Shelbyville, Shelby & Moultrie (U.S. Corps of Engineers; fishery managed by Ill. Div. of Fisheries)	11,100	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X		X		

SPECIAL REGS:

Those lakes marked with an (X) in this table have regulations which differ from the statewide regulations. Please check the special regulations which are posted at each lake where applicable.

PCB's IN LAKE MICHIGAN FISH

Polychlorinated biphenyls (PCB's) accumulate in the fat of fish living in waters which have received discharges or fallout from the air containing PCB's. Low fat species, such as yellow perch, do not accumulate PCB's to the same extent as the larger fish of the high fat species including trout and salmon.

The Illinois Department of Public Health has advised that Lake Michigan salmon and trout may be contaminated with PCB's levels that exceed standards set by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. The Department of Public Health has advised that fish consumers refrain from eating "coho salmon, chinook salmon, lake, rainbow and brown trout more than one meal per week of these species if these fish weigh seven (7) pounds or more." Fish that weigh less than seven pounds may be eaten safely. Also, women who are or could become pregnant, adolescent girls, nursing mothers and preschool-age children should eat none of above mentioned fish which weigh seven pounds or more.

Levels of PCB's can be reduced by removing the skin and all fatty portions of the fish along the back, side and belly. Barbecuing, broiling or any other cooking method which removes additional oils and fats should be utilized when preparing fish that may contain excessive levels of PCB's.

POLLUTION

The Department of Conservation cooperates with the Environmental Protection Agency in making reports on pollution and in making pollution investigations. Anglers are very often the first to observe instances of water pollution, and their cooperation and assistance is invited in reporting these instances to district and regional fish biologists, to a conservation police officer or to the Division of Fisheries. It is unlawful for waste or sewage to be discharged into waters so as to kill aquatic life; it is also unlawful to abandon or deposit wire, cans, bottles, glass, paper, trash, rubbish, cardboard, wood cartons, boxes, trees, brush or other insoluble material into the water or on the ice, or at any place on the bank where such debris is liable to be washed into the water. Strict penalties are provided for violation of this section of the statute.

PROPERTY

Consideration for others is a basic philosophy of the true sportsman. Consent of the landowner or occupant of the premises should be obtained before fishing, or attempting to take minnows, turtles, crayfish or frogs on another's property or within waters flowing over his property. Care

should be taken not to cause injury or damage to another's property.

RESTRICTED SPECIES

Some 25 species of fish occurring in Illinois are currently on the restricted species list and are protected. Most common restricted species include lake sturgeon, alligator gar, lake whitefish and several species of chubs, shiners and darters. Fishing for all other species is allowed without limit year round, subject to restrictions noted in the Daily Catch and Size Limits Table and certain administrative orders which may be in effect.

SEASONS

The Illinois sport fishing season is open year round.

SMELT

A sport fishing license entitles the angler to take smelt. Waters of Lake Michigan comprise Illinois' smelt fishery. Smelt may be taken with a seine or gill net not more than 12 feet long, 6 feet deep and with mesh size not more than 1 1/2 inches diagonal stretch, or by dip net not more than 12 feet in diameter with mesh size not less than 1 inch diagonal stretch. Trolley, or power lines, are also used by the sport fisherman in taking smelt (see Trot and Trolley Line section).

SNAGGING

Licensed anglers may snag for fish within 100 yards downstream of the dam spillway apron at Rend Lake, Franklin County; and Shelbyville Lake, Shelby County; and at Carlyle Lake Dam spillway downstream to, but not to include, the old river channel, Clinton County; (season at Rend, Shelbyville and Carlyle Lakes is November 1 to March 1) or within 300 yards downstream of the lock and dam spillways on the Illinois River, Mississippi River and Rock River; or within 100 yards on both sides of the spillway at Horseshoe Lake, Alexander County, or from the spillway at Crab Orchard Lake dam to a point 200 yards west along both sides of the waterway in Crab Orchard National Wildlife Refuge, Williamson County. The snagging for salmon only is permitted only from the Lake Michigan shoreline in the Lincoln Park Lagoon from the Fullerton Avenue Bridge to the southern end of the Lagoon; Jackson Harbor (inner and outer harbors); Waukegan Harbor; discharge channel and bay area formed by the landfill at Northwestern University, Evanston (not in lagoon); Winnetka Power Plant discharge area and the Waukegan Power Plant discharge area from September 16 through December 31; except no snagging is allowed at any time within 200 feet of a moored watercraft or as otherwise

posted. The angler is advised to check local regulations on fishing in proximity to dam structures and moored watercraft. Snagging is intended in these regulations as a means for greater utilization of the fish resource, and is limited to carp, buffalo, freshwater drum, paddlefish (2 per day), bowfin, gar (except alligator gar), carpsucker and salmon (all species - 5 per day). Fishermen are limited to one pole and line device, with no more than two hooks, which must measure at least 1/2 inch from hook tip to shank, except in Lake Michigan hooks of any size may be used.

SPEARING

Carp, buffalo, suckers, gar (except alligator gar), and bowfin may be taken with spear or gig, pitchfork, underwater spear gun, bow and arrow or archery device. Frogs may be taken with spear or gig, though use of firearms, airguns or gas guns are prohibited as are commercial fishing devices such as hoop nets, traps or seines.

SPORT FISH

Principal sport fish are the muskellunge, tiger muskie, northern pike, walleye, sauger, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, spotted bass, warmouth, white bass, yellow bass, sunfish, bluegill, crappie, trout and salmon. These may be taken only with sport fishing devices by anglers having sport fishing licenses. Other species such as catfish, freshwater drum and carp are considered both sport and commercial fish, and the means of taking and purpose for which they are taken prescribes the type of license required. Still other species are considered commercial fish, though when taken on sport fishing devices an angler must have a sport license. A fourth category is restricted species (See Restricted Species).

SPORT FISHING LICENSE

A sport fishing license entitles an angler to take fish, turtles or bullfrogs within limits denoted in the Daily Catch and Size Limits Table, except for restricted species. Devices permitted for use by the sport fishing license include: not more than two poles and lines or tipups with not more than two hooks or lures attached to each; bank pole and line, throw line, trot line, buoyed device (jug fishing), or other legal devices not exceeding 50 hooks in total. Two untagged sport fishing devices are allowed; each device more than two must be tagged with the angler's name and address. Any device left unattended must be tagged with the angler's name and address. If attached to a tree, the device must be attached only to the main trunk below the water line.

A resident sport fishing license may be obtained by anyone who has been a resident of Illinois for 30 days prior to purchase. Anglers under 16 years of age, senior citizens, handicapped and blind, and those fishing at licensed daily fee fishing areas, may fish without a license. Residents may fish in waters on or flowing over their lands without a license.

Persons on active duty in the Armed Forces are considered residents. A person on active duty in the Armed Forces, who entered the service from Illinois and is an Illinois resident, may fish without a license while on leave.

An angler should have his license in possession at all times while fishing. Licenses expire on March 31 each year. Current fees are (includes agent's fee):

Resident sport fishing; annual	\$5.25
Resident sport fishing; 65 years old and over	None needed
Resident sport fishing; Under 16 years of age	None needed
Resident sport fishing; Disabled, blind	None needed
Non-resident sport fishing; 1 day, Lake Michigan	\$2.25
Non-resident sport fishing; 10 days	\$4.25
Non-resident sport fishing; annual	Reciprocal (minimum is \$6.00)
Sportsman's License (combined hunting & fishing license)	\$11.25

SALMON STAMP

Anglers are required to purchase a "Salmon Stamp" prior to taking of salmon and trout. Fees are (includes agent's fees):

Resident and non-resident, annual	\$2.25
Resident; 65 years old and over	none needed
Resident; under 16 years of age	none needed
Resident; disabled, blind	none needed

STOCKING

Fish may be released into the waters from which they were taken, but permission from the Department of Conservation should be secured before releasing fish in other waters.



STATE RECORD FISH

December 1, 1978

COMMON NAME	WEIGHT
Largemouth bass	13 lb. 1 oz.
Rock bass	1 lb. 9 oz.
Smallmouth bass	5 lb. 15½ oz.
Spotted bass	6 lb. 10 oz.
Striped bass	19 lb. 6 oz.
White bass	3 lb. 13½ oz.
Yellow bass	15 oz.
Bluegill	2 lb. 10 oz.
Bowfin	12 lb. 12½ oz.
Bigmouth buffalo	43 lb. 6 oz.
Smallmouth buffalo	22 lb. ½ oz.
Black bullhead	4 lb. 10 oz.
Yellow bullhead	5 lb. 4 oz.
Carp	42 lb. 0 oz.
Blue catfish	65 lb. 0 oz.
Channel catfish	28 lb. 6 oz.
Flathead catfish	51 lb. 0 oz.
Black crappie	4 lb. 8 oz.
White crappie	4 lb. 7 oz.
Freshwater drum	35 lb. 0 oz.
Alligator gar	157 lb. 0 oz.
Muskellunge	24 lb. 12 oz.
Northern pike	22 lb. 12 oz.
Paddlefish	52 lb. 0 oz.
Yellow perch	2 lb. 8¾ oz.
Atlantic salmon	10 lb. 0 oz.
Chinook salmon	37 lb. 0 oz.
Coho salmon	20 lb. 9 oz.
Sauger	5 lb. 12½ oz.
Green sunfish	2 lb. 0 oz.
Hybrid sunfish	2 lb. 4 oz.
Redear sunfish	2 lb. 6½ oz.
Brook trout	4 lb. 1 oz.
Brown trout	28 lb. 8 oz.
Lake trout	19 lb. 5 oz.
Rainbow trout	22 lb. 1 oz.
Tiger trout	8 lb. 12½ oz.
Walleye	14 lb. 0 oz.
Warmouth	1 lb. 13 oz.
Lake sturgeon	57 lb. 2 oz.

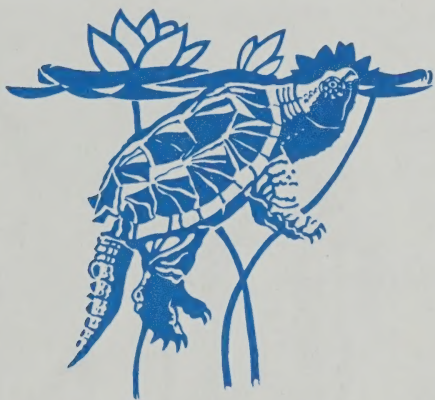
For information on State Big Fish Contest, contact the Division of Fisheries, 100 E. Washington Street, Springfield, IL 62706.

TROLLING

Trolling is permissible, provided the angler have not more than two poles and lines with not more than two hooks or lures on each. Charter boat operators on Lake Michigan are required to submit daily catch reports monthly to the Department of Conservation.

TROT AND TROLLEY LINES

Hooks on trot lines, throw lines and similar devices should be spaced not less than 24 inches apart, except on trolley or power lines used in Lake Michigan.

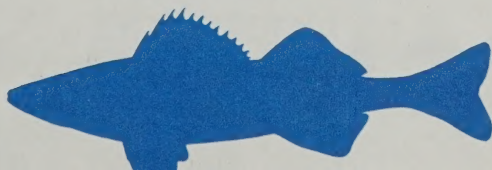


TURTLES

Turtles may not be taken by commercial fishing devices, including hoop nets, traps or seines, or by using firearms, air guns or gas guns. Residents, only, are permitted to take turtles by hand or by hook and line. Locating turtles by rodding, and then taking by hand is permissible.

WALLEYE

There are no statewide size or seasonal restrictions on walleye in Illinois; however, certain reservoirs or impoundments may have more restrictive regulations to protect the fishery, hence the fisherman is advised to consult administrative orders that may apply.



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